



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q58745

Toru MATAMA

Appln. No.: 09/657,272

Group Art Unit: 2621

Confirmation No.: 9969

Examiner: Patrick L. EDWARDS

Filed: September 9, 2000

For: IMAGE READING METHOD, IMAGE READING APPARATUS AND METHOD OF DISCRIMINATING DEFECT OF IMAGE DATA

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450
Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time of one month, extending the time for responding to the Office Action of November 17, 2005 to March 17, 2006.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge the statutory fee of \$120.00 and/or all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

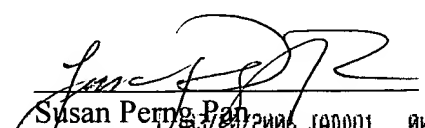
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